

## ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

<p><b>Councillor: Dafydd Meurig</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Arllechwedd</b></p>	<p><b>Group: Plaid Cymru</b></p>																		
<p><b>Purpose of the annual report:</b> The aim of the Annual Report is to assist the electorate to become better informed of the work and activities of their elected local authority member during the year.</p> <p><b>Role and responsibilities:</b> Before becoming a Cabinet Member in January 2015, I was a member of the Audit Committee, Planning Committee, Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Employment Appeals Committee, Pensions Committee and the Bangor-Ogwen Area Forum.</p>																			
<p><b>The following constituency activities were held:</b></p> <p><b>Floods:</b> Ensuring the design of a plan that will prevent floods in Tal-y-Bont and on the A55 in future. Continuing to pressure Welsh Government to implement the plan.  <b>Buses:</b> Supporting the residents of Abergwyngregyn following Arriva's decision to bypass the village.  <b>Economy:</b> Supporting developers with an interest in establishing businesses at the Bryn Cegin Park Industrial Estate  <b>Crymlyn:</b> Received confirmation from Welsh Government that it will solve the issue of cars and lorries using the narrow roads between Tal-y-Bont and Abergwyngregyn when there's a traffic jam on the A55.  <b>Broadband:</b> Continuing to pressure BT to improve the provision between Llanllechid and Abergwyngregyn  <b>Pavement:</b> Securing a new pavement along part of the A55 between Tal-y-Bont and Llandygai to improve the safety of the walking to school route.  <b>Salt Bin:</b> Installing a salt bin in Llanllechid in good time before the winter.  <b>Planning:</b> Representing constituents regarding planning matters in Abergwyngregyn, Llanllechid and Porth Penrhyn.  <b>Surgeries:</b> Holding regular surgeries with Alun Ffred Jones AM and Hywel Williams MP in Abergwyngregyn, Llandygai and Tal-y-Bont.  <b>General:</b> Giving advice to a number of constituents with matters such as homelessness, fly tipping, tree-cutting, clearing rivers, dog fouling bins, playing fields and the cockle beds at Aber Ogwen.</p>																			
<p><b>The following initiatives and activities were held:</b></p> <p><b>Ogwen Partnership:</b> Director of the local company that's trying to return services to the Dyffryn Ogwen area. The highlight of the year was opening Swyddfa Ogwen on the High Street, Bethesda, which has become a new home for the Police and the area's Community Councils.  <b>Cwmni Adwy:</b> Director and Secretary of the not-for-profit company that provides affordable rental properties to local business in the old quarry areas of Gwynedd.  <b>Balchder Bro:</b> I have occasionally joined the voluntary group that tidies and collects litter around the area.  <b>No Pylons:</b> The pressure group had a great success when National Grid announced that it would not install pylons across the Menai. The battle continues on Gwynedd turf.  <b>Hydro Ogwen:</b> Member of the voluntary team developing a community hydro scheme on the Ogwen river.  <b>Eryrod Eira:</b> Member of the community group that clears pavements in Dyffryn Ogwen when it snows.  <b>Penrhyn Quarry:</b> Member of the liaison committee that shares information between the quarry and the community.  <b>Llandygai:</b> Member of the Talgai Hall committee. I served Christmas lunch to pensioners, and took part in the bingo.</p>																			
<p><b>I attended the following Committees:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">COMMITTEE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">PRESENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The Council</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corporate Scrutiny Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communities Scrutiny Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audit Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employment Appeals Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pensions Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		COMMITTEE	PRESENT	The Council	4	The Cabinet	4	Corporate Scrutiny Committee	3	Communities Scrutiny Committee	1	Audit Committee	1	Planning Committee	8	Employment Appeals Committee	1	Pensions Committee	2
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Preparatory Meeting for the Scrutiny Committee	3
Bangor Area Forum - Ogwen	
Percentage of Attendance: 83%	
<b>I was not able to attend the following Committee(s) due to the following reasons:</b> I missed two meetings because of family bereavement.	
<b>I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:</b> Joint Planning Policy Committee - 2 Joint Planning Policy Panel – 4 Traeth Lafan Management Committee (Vice Chair) – 1 Mid Wales Transport Board – 1 A working group established to develop the new website Workshops on The Council's Strategic Plan Seminar on the Council's Financial Situation Workshop to set the Council's Governance Framework Seminar on the Joint Local Development Plan Seminar on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Working group looking at ways to improve the management of the Council Scrutiny Investigation 'Sustainable Procurement' Workshop on Local Government Reform Open Session on the Local Transport Plan Workshop on the Social Services and Well-being Act	
<b>I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:</b> -	<b>I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:</b> -
<b>I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:</b>	
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Date</b>
Waste Strategy	7/5/14
Safe Leadership (Specific session for the Cabinet)	19/05/2015
Webcasting	26/11/2014
The Cabinet's Development Programme: Session for New Members	12/2/2015 + 9/3/2015
Corporate Parenting	25/2/2015
<b>Additional</b>	<b>Date</b>
Planning Training	21/5/2014
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Workshop	4/7/2014
Assertiveness and Dealing with Difficult People	20/3/2015
Planning System	26/11/15
<b>Total Number of hours: 47.50</b>	